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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBECT: DETENTION AND EXPULSION OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN IN
GABON

REF: MONROVIA 2796

1. INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED
BY POUCH TO AF/C, AND LIBREVILLE 1036 CONTAINS REQUEST TO
MR BANKS FROM PRESIDENCY FOR PRO FORMA INVOICE MENTIONED
PARA 12 REFTEL.

2. BANKS WAS PICKED UP BY POLICE ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS THAT
HIS 72 HOUR AIRPORT VISA HAD EXPIRED, AND EXPELLED
OFFICIALY BECAUSE OF GOG DECISION TO REFUSE HIM VISA
EXTENSION. IN FACT, BANKS HAD APPLIED ROUTINELY FOR EXTENSION
SO THAT HE WAS NOT IN VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS, AND
REAL REASON FOR HIS EXPLUSION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN UNHAPPINESS
OF PRESIDENT AT HAVING HIS WIFE DEALING DIRECTLY WITH
FOREIGN BUSINESSMAN.

3. EMBASSY HAS FORMALLY PROTESTED POLICE INCURSION INTO
EMBASSY PROPERTY (STAFF APARTMENTS) IN SEARCH OF BANKS
AND HAS INFORMALLY REITERATED BOTH TO PRESIDENT AND TO
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HIS STAFF THAT BANKS IS LEGITIMATE BUSINESSMAN WHO
DESERVED MORE COURTEOUS TREATMENT. SINCE EMBASSY WAS
IN FACT INFORMED OF BANKS ARREST(LARGELY THROUGHT HIS
OWN EFFORTS) WITHTIN 24 HOURS, THIS REQUIREMENT OF
VIENNA CONVENTION WAS SATISFIED IN TECHNICAL SENSE. STEIGMAN

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